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SUBJECT: MAP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

REFS: A) ATHENS 6588 (301510Z MUN 76)

B) ATHENS 8746 (231009Z AUG 76)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN TEXT OF NOTE CONTAINED PARA 5
REF (B) CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 505(F)
OF FAA. HOWEVER, AN ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH WILL BE REQUIRED
TO IMPLEMENT FURTHER AMENDMENTS MADE BY FY 1976/1977
SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. THESE AMENDMENTS MAKE
EXISTING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR AGREEMENT RE LIMITATIONS
ON USE, TRANSFER, SECURITY AND OBSERVATION OF MAP DEFENSE
ARTICLES APPLICABLE AS WELL TO QUOTE RELATED TRAINING AND
OTHER DEFENSE SERVICES UNQUOTE.

2. 1947 SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT IN FORCE BETWEEN
USG AND GOG SPEAKS GENERALLY IN TERMS OF QUOTE ASSISTANCE
UNQUOTE, QUOTE ARTICLE, SERVICE, OR INFORMATION UNQUOTE,
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AND QUOTE ARTICLE OR INFORMATION UNQUOTE. WE BELIEVE THESE

TERMS ARE SUFFICIENTLY BROAD TO ENCOMPASS QUOTE TRAINING AND OTHER DEFENSE SERVICES UNQUOTE. SINCE EXCHANGE OF NOTES PROPOSED REF (B) WOULD LEAVE 1947 AGREEMENT IN FORCE PENDING CONCLUSION OF NEW MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, WE HAVE TRIED TO DEVISE LANGUAGE CONFIRMING SUCH A BROAD INTERPRETATION FOR INCLUSION IN NOTE. THIS APPROACH IS INTENDED TO MINIMIZE COMPLICATING PRESENT EFFORT.

3. TO THIS END, TEXT OF NOTE REF (B) SHOULD BE AMENDED BY INSERTING FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FINAL PARAGRAPH: QUOTE IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING MATTER, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN THEIR RECENT DISCUSSIONS NEW PROVISIONS OF UNITED STATES LAW ESTABLISHING NEW STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING HITHERTO FURNISHED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A DEFENSE SERVICE UNDER ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND PROHIBITING THE FURNISHING OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR RELATED TRAINING UNLESS THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY AGREES THAT IT WILL OBSERVE THE SAME CONDITIONS REGARDING TRAINING AND OTHER SERVICES AS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO THE USE, TRANSFER, SECURITY, OBSERVATION, AND RETURN OF DEFENSE ARTICLES. THE AGREEMENT OF JUNE 20, 1947 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC CONTAINS THE REQUISITE ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO DEFENSE ARTICLES, DEFENSE SERVICES AND INFORMATION FURNISHED TO GREECE PURSUANT TO THAT AGREEMENT. SINCE AT THE TIME THAT THAT AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO FORCE, TRAINING WAS FURNISHED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS A DEFENSE SERVICE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT INTERPRETS THAT AGREEMENT AS BEING APPLICABLE TO TRAINING TO BE FURNISHED UNDER THE SEPARATE MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC THAT IT CONSTRUES THE 1947 AGREEMENT IN THE SAME WAY AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, NO FURTHER AGREEMENT IS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AFORESAID NEWLY-ENACTED PROVISIONS OF UNITED STATES LAW.

4. DETAILS OF NEW STATUTORY REQUIREMENT IN CONTEXT OF
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NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW USG-GOG MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ALONG LINES TEXT SENT REF (A) WERE IN PROCESS OF CLEARANCE WHEN REF (B) RECEIVED AND ARE BEING SENT SEPTEL. WE REGRET INSERTION OF NEW ELEMENT INTO NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS LATE DATE BUT NEW STATUTE GIVES US NO ALTERNATIVE. KISSINGER

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